

GOVERNOR WILLIAM DENNISON CAMP #1 NEWSLETTER

Department of Ohio, SUVCW

February 27, 2005

The Newsletter is being changed to attempt to make it more useful to the general membership and those who are interested in what is happening at the Camp. As such, rather than be a recitation of the minutes, we will be publishing reports on the meeting, activities of the Camp, and articles of special interest to the Camp membership. As the signal's officer I wish to emphasize that the newsletter like the Camp will be what the members make of it. This initial issue for 2005 is essentially a newsletter as written by the Signals officer. In the future, I hope that every member of the Camp will submit articles and announcements of activities that they feel will be of interest to the Camp and those who read the newsletter.

We are also submitting the newsletter to the Department to be published on the Website. As such, we will edit out information from the minutes that are of a sensitive nature.

Submitted by Signals Officer David E. McMahon

Report of the January 13, 2005 Camp Meeting

Commander McMahon called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. according to the rituals and ceremonies of the S.U.V.C.W. at Veteran's Memorial, Columbus, Ohio. Present were Commander David E. McMahon, Senior Vice-Commander Gregory Kenney, Secretary-Treasurer Timothy J. Strominger and brothers R. Davis, Inabnitt, Krinn, Tallman, Ward, and J. Davis. Department Commander Brad Tilton was also present.

The Minutes of the December 2004 meeting were accepted as was the treasurer's report.

The plans for the Lincoln Dinner at Schmidt's on February 12th at 7:00 p.m. were discussed and accepted.

Bro. Tilton brought several messages from the State. National and State will forgive dues of any Brother in combat zone as way of a thank you. He also asked that any dues for member in Local camp also be also forgiven. The department mid-winter meeting will be held January 29th at 10:00 in room 205 at Veteran's Memorial, Columbus, Ohio. The Mansfield Camp will hold their Lincoln dinner on February 12th, 2005. Paul Huff will speak. Brad also thanked the Camp for donating \$50.00 for the G.A.R. monument that will dedicated April 9th at 1:30 p.m. in the Western Reserve Cemetery at Rittman, Ohio. Members are invited to attend and encouraged to wear uniforms. The Ohio Department newsletter will be out in about a week. The State Encampment in Alliance, Ohio will occur June 17th, 18th & 19th. The National Encampment will be August 4th, 5th & 6th in Nashua New Hampshire. See The Banner for more details. Max Newman has resigned as National Treasurer for health reasons so National needs an assistant Treasurer until elections in August. There is a \$1000.00 SUVCW scholarship available for a High School senior or College student. Application and more information are on the national website. Bro. Tilton and Commander McMahon talked about the controversy at Remembrance Day at Gettysburg last year. One Camp member has resigned over the issues raised and will be refunded his membership dues. There is more information about the issue on the National website.

New Camp Officers were installed with Brad Tilton presiding over the Ceremony. The new officers are as follows:

Commander: Gregory A. Kenney
Senior Vice Commander: Robert A. Davis
Junior Vice Commander: Keith L. Krinn
Council members: John Ward, R. Dale Tallman, James R. Seitz
Secretary-Treasurer Timothy J. Strominger
Patriotic Instructor: John Ward
Chaplain: James W. Morris
Graves Registration: David E. McMahon M.D.

Historian: Jonathan Davis
Civil War Memorials: Garry Inabnitt
Eagle Scout: R. Dale Tallman
Signals Officer: David E. McMahon M.D.

Brother Kenney then assumed command of Camp at 8:10.

New business included discussion of a letter from Westland High School asking the Camp to sponsor a J.R.O.T.C. candidate for the SUVCW R.O.T.C. award. Nominations will be accepted and a student named for the award at the April meeting. Bro. McMahon is the new Signals Officer and will be responsible for the Camp newsletter and attempts to get a higher presence in the Community. Camp dues are due and are \$31.00. Bro. Ward reported on a trip to Greenlawn Cemetery where he noticed a lot of downed trees and broken tree limbs. He also found the Joshua Milton Wells headstone. Bro. J. Davis reported that the Library of Congress website has 2400+ Civil War maps available for download or purchase. Bro. Tallman reported that the Village bookstore is having a sale and has a lot of History books.

Bro. Ward reported about an article in the Columbus Dispatch talking about the Gold Star Mothers. Commander Kenney adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Report of the February 10, 2005 Camp Meeting

Commander Kenney called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. according to the rituals and ceremonies of the S.U.V.C.W.

Present were Commander Gregory Kenney, Senior Vice-Commander Robert Davis, Junior Vice-Commander Keith L. Krinn, Secretary-Treasurer Timothy J. Strominger and brothers. Inabnitt, McMahon, Nimmo, Tallman, Ward, and J. Davis

The Minutes of the January 2005 meeting was accepted as was the treasurer's report.

Bro. R. Davis reported that Bro. Brown is going downhill and has lost 60 pounds. Jim Hilton had a pacemaker put in. Darrell Debo's daughter had surgery for curvature of spine. Former member John Duncan had a coronary stent put in recently.

Commander Kenney reported on the Mid-winter meeting Dept. of Ohio. The possibility of getting a printer for making Memorial cards with the State logo on it, sympathy and get well cards had been discussed but no decision was made as it was not a business meeting. The department has divided Ohio's eighty-eight counties by the 22 active Camps in Ohio. Each camp will be responsible for finding and documenting Memorials in the Counties assigned to the Camp. Gov. William Dennison Camp No. 1 is responsible for Franklin, Delaware, Union, Madison and Licking Counties. Various ways to get information on the Memorials in the five countries was discussed.

Bro. Nimmo reported on the Union Cemetery on Brown Rd. where branches had fallen during the recent storms. The township had cut and cleaned out the branches but it was noted that a backhoe had run over some headstones and that there is a lot of damage to other headstones. The Camp will send a letter to Franklin County Veterans organization about possibly replacing the damaged stones.

Bro. McMahon talked about Lincoln dinner at Schmidt's. He will bring a power point display. Bro R. Davis will give a speech about Lincoln in Columbus. Bro. Ward will bring display of Lincoln artifacts from his collection. Members will discuss Civil War ancestors.

Commander Kenney reported that the Volunteer organization at Greenlawn Cemetery was organizing a clean-up day on May 7th under the direction of the Woodsman of the World. However it was noted that May 7th is also the date of the Civil War show in Mansfield and as such the Camp would not participate. Our cleanup date is the Saturday prior.

Operation Flag will hold its ceremony May 30th at the Turo-Presbyterian Cemetery at Noe-Bixby and Chatterton Road in Madison Township.

The Newsletter was not sent out due to a dearth of submissions and the Signals officer wishing for Camp input before printing. Since the newsletter will be posted on the State website, personal information or private camp information will not be posted but remain in the minutes. Currently there are four other Camps that have their newsletters on State website. The next newsletter will include a synopsis of minutes and upcoming events.

Upcoming events include the Cleanup day at Greenlawn May 21 from 8-12 and April 30th, the July 22nd & 23rd taking of Statehouse, Ohio Encampment June 17th – 19th, National Encampment is August 4th – 6th. Dates and locations are listed in the Calendar

Bro. Ward mentioned that the Higginson Book Company has a lot of out of print books and rare books, including regimental histories. They will also reprint books. The website is higginsonbooks.com Address is Higginson Book Company, 148 Washington St., P.O. Box 778, Salem, Ma. 01970; phone number (978) 745-7170

Bro. Ward brought some Lantern slides that he rescued.

Commander Kenney adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting is on March 10th, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in room 205 at Veteran's Memorial.

Color Guard

The Camp Color Guard is being organized for the coming year. If you are interested in becoming a member please contact Dale Tallman, who is the present color guard commander. Members of the color guard represent all the branches of service during the civil war. A number of activities are planned this year include the GAR stone dedication ceremony at Rittman Cemetery on Saturday April 9 at 1:30PM, Memorial Day services at Greenlawn Cemetery on Saturday May 28 at 10:30AM, Memorial Day Parade at Grove City on May 30 at 11:00AM, Operation Flag Ceremony at Truro Presbyterian Cemetery on May 30 at 3:00PM, Camp Chase Service with the Hilltop Historical Society on Sunday June 5 at 3:00PM, Westerville July 2nd Parade, and the Canal Winchester Labor Day Parade September 5th at noon.

Lincoln Dinner

The Lincoln Dinner was held again this year at Schmidt's Banquet and Meeting Haus in German Village. Twenty-seven members of the Camp and guests attended the dinner which started at 8:00PM with an open German buffet. In addition to the members, Department of Ohio Commander Brad Tilton and Department of Ohio Auxiliary President Sandy Prosak were present. Those in attendance included Brothers Bob Davis, Jonathan Davis, Darrel Debo, Don Grant, Gary Innabit, Greg Kenney, Keith Krinn, David McMahan, Brent Nimmo, Jim Seitz, Tim Strominger, Dale Tallman, John Ward, and their guests.

The dinner opened with a prayer of remembrance given by Commander Gregory Kenney.

Our Heavenly Father, we have come together this evening to honor the memory of our ancestors. They fought in the American Civil War, many of whom gave their lives for a free nation. Our ancestors fought for the principles and beliefs that all men should be free and that no man should be enslaved

We also honor Abraham Lincoln on his birthday. He was a faithful servant to You, who stood for these beliefs and governed us as our President during the American Civil War.

We humbly pray to You, oh Lord, that you bless these brave men. May they rest in peace and have eternal life as promised in Your holy word, through faith in Jesus Christ.

Protect and watch over our nation and the many service men and women committed to protecting our freedom today.

Bless this food that we about to partake and bless each one of us and our families as we submit to Your perfect will.

Amen

Following dinner Brother McMahan presented a slide show of Lincoln's words and photographs. Brother Bob Davis then gave a first person presentation as Governor Dennison in reference to Lincoln's visit to Columbus on his way to Washington. Commander Kenney gave a short biography of Lincoln and the evening ended with Patriotic Instructor John Ward giving a reading of a poem of a drummer boy and a presentation of a display of Lincoln artifacts.



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Governor Dennison Camp No. 1, Department of Ohio

Chartered August 1, 1882

Camp Calendar

Revised 14 January 2005

Date	Time	Event	Location	Notes
10 Mar '05 Thu.	7:00 p.m.	Camp Meeting w/Member Initiation	Veterans Memorial	Room 205
9 Apr '05 Sat	1:30 pm	Dedication Ceremony	Rittman Cemetery	
14 Apr '05 Thu.	7:00 p.m.	Camp Meeting	Veterans Memorial	Room 205
23 Apr '05 Sat.	10-4	Grove City Living History Day	Fryer Park, Grove City	
30 Apr '05 Sat.	8-12	Work Day w/Color Guard Practice	Green Lawn Cemetery	
7-8 May '05		Mansfield Civil War Show		
12 May '05 Thu.	7:00 p.m.	Camp Meeting	Veterans Memorial	Room 205
11 May '05 Wed.		ROTC Performance Award	Westland High School	
?? May '05	3:00-9:30	Sharon Woods Program	Potential Repeat of 2004 program	
21 May '05 Sat.	8-12	Work Day	Green Lawn Cemetery	
27 May '05 Fri.		Flag Distribution	Green Lawn Cemetery	
28 May '05 Sat.	10:30 a.m.	Memorial Day Services	Green Lawn Cemetery	
30 May '05 Mon.	11:00 a.m.	Memorial Day Parade	Grove City	
30 May '05 Mon	3:00pm	Operation Flag	Truro Presbyterian Cemetery, SE corner Noe-Bixby & Chatterton Road	
31 May '05 Tue.		Flag Collection	Green Lawn Cemetery	
5 Jun '05 Sun.	3:00 p.m.	Camp Chase Service (Richard Hoffman)	Hilltop Historical Society	
9 Jun '05 Thu.	7:00 p.m.	Camp Meeting	Veterans Memorial	Room 205
17-19 Jun '05		Department of Ohio Encampment	Mount Union College	
2 July '05		Westerville Parade	Westerville, Ohio	
14 Jul '05 Thu.	7:00 p.m.	Camp Meeting	Veterans Memorial	Room 205
4-6 Aug '05		124 th National Encampment		
11 Aug '05 Thu.	7:00 p.m.	Camp Meeting	Veterans Memorial	Room 205
21 Aug '05 Sun.	1:00 p.m.	Camp Family Potluck Picnic	TBD	
5 Sep '05 Mon.	12:00	Canal Winchester Labor Day Parade		
8 Sep '05 Thu.	7:00 p.m.	Camp Meeting	Veterans Memorial	Room 205
13 Oct '05 Thu.	7:00 p.m.	Camp Meeting	Veterans Memorial	Room 205
10 Nov '05 Thu.	7:00 p.m.	Camp Meeting	Veterans Memorial	Room 205
8 Dec '05 Thu.	7:00 p.m.	Camp Meeting w/Camp Elections	Veterans Memorial	Room 205

Meetings:

2nd Thursday every month
Veterans Memorial
300 West Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio
Room 205 7:00-9:00p.m.

Contact us at: